

Date of entry in Register: 07 December 2001
Name of applicant/court: Rodney Wilson
Applicant to the Labelling Body: Not Applicable
Title of Publication: Piercing - The Hole Story
Other Known Titles: Not Stated
Director: Kate Peacocke
Producer: Kate Peacocke
Publisher: Not Applicable
Author: Not Applicable
Format: Video Recording VHS/PAL
Country of Origin: New Zealand
Language: English

Components of film originally examined:

Feature:	Piercing - The Hole Story	Running time:	45.41
Trailers:	Images Notice	Running time:	0.14
		Total Running time:	45.55

Excision/Alteration: No Excisions Recommended.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

Classification Decision:

Unrestricted: Suitable for mature audiences 16 years of age and over.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Contains sexual references and violence.

Direction to issue a label has been given on: 05 December 2001

SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The publication entitled *Piercing – The Hole Story* is classified as:
Unrestricted: Suitable for mature audiences 16 years of age and over.

The publication is a video recording which focuses on the practice of body piercing. Through interviews and depictions of piercing, the publication presents various aspects of this subject in a documentary style of filming. The video recording was submitted to the Office of Film and Literature Classification by the Auckland War Memorial Museum in order that it may be shown as part of an exhibition on body adornment.

The video recording contains depictions of piercing, some of which are graphic in nature, and which constitute a crime under the Crimes Act 1960. There are also several references to sexual activity. However, these images are presented amongst extensive material which has a strong emphasis on health and safety issues, as well as aesthetics and social attitudes. There is merit in the publication being made available to a wide audience in that body piercing appeals to a range of people, including young persons, for whom the video recording contains informative and interesting content. The unrestricted availability of the publication is not considered likely to be injurious to the public good.

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